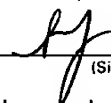




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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 22, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action was set to expire on August 22, 2003, and with the acceptance of the accompanying petition and fee the time period for response is extended to November 22, 2003, and therefore this response is timely filed. Also included herewith is a Notice of Appeal. A check covering the cost of the petition for extension of time and Notice of Appeal is included herewith. No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing. Should any additional fee be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no separate petition for an extension of time accompany this communication,

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applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to make submission of the papers submitted herewith timely and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1,2 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: